

REQUEST

As you can see, Camden Council say 100 per cent of that money goes to MOPAC on the agreement that the amount is used for policing in Camden. Please can you provide evidence on how that money was spent in Camden – for example, but not conclusively, how many officers did that pay for, what were their roles, when do they work? And any variations over the years.

RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 27 September to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC). I apologise for the delay we have taken in responding to your request. I confirm that your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that MOPAC does not hold any information relating to your request.

The Late Night Levy enables licensing authorities to raise a contribution from licensed premises open 12:00-06:00 towards policing the night-time economy. Section 131 (2) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides that the licensing authority must pay a specified proportion (70%) of the levy to the relevant policing body (i.e. MOPAC in the case of London). Home Office guidelines state that there is no bar to PCCs allocating all of its share of the levy back to the licensing authority.

In 2016 MOPAC agreed with the proposal presented by the London Borough (LB) of Camden that it retain 100% of the levy. I appreciate that this information is contrary to the information provided to you by LB Camden. Please see the attached decision by the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime made in March 2016 delegating authority to the MOPAC Chief Operating Officer to approve applications relating to the Late Night Levy. It allows approval to be given to licensing authorities to retain up to 100% of the levy where they can demonstrate that they have considered other options and are prepared to deliver a best practice model that aligns with MOPAC priorities. In April 2016 MOPAC's Chief Operating Officer wrote to Jim Foudy, Head of Regulatory Services at Camden confirming MOPAC's agreement that LB Camden will retain 100% of the revenue from the levy.

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information requests, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>